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Frank recognised for scheme

A MAN who has had more than 50 years experience at Southend United has won the Unsung Hero Award at the Football League Awards.

Frank Banks, said he was overwhelmed at getting the award. He was nominated by colleague Dale Spilby, for his work in setting up a community scheme 20 years ago.

Speaking about the award that was held in The Brewery, in London, on Sunday, March 16, he said he couldn't believe it.

He said: "It is probably the proudest moment of my life. It is great to be recognised for the work I have done."

Mr Banks, started training with Southend United when he was just 13 years old.

After being signed at just 17 to the professional squad he left the club at 21, only to return ten years later.

Once he had retired from the game he set up

the scheme and now it runs with 18 full time members running the community events, ranging from dancing, walking, volleyball and much more.

Frank said: "We even run breakfast clubs, there really is a massive range of things we deliver, not just in the Southend community but all over the county and I don't think people realise we do it, we do spread our wings quite far."

"To get the recognition is a great feeling."

He explained: "In January I went on a ten week holiday in Malta, Dale phoned and said I was down to the last three for the award.

"On the day of the awards I had to go and buy a new suit and tie."

Some of the events run at the club will be showcased at Roots Hall on Saturday, March 29, before the match between Southend and Torquay.



AWARD: Unsung Hero Award Frank Banks
Photo by Mark Cleveland

House prices rising twice as fast as salaries, figures reveal

HOMES OUT OF REACH

HOUSE prices in Southend are increasing more than twice as fast as wages.

Average salaries in Southend rose by 31 per cent in the last ten years, according to figures from Office for National Statistics while land registry data show average house prices have climbed by 77 per cent over the same period.

The National Housing Federation blamed a 'severe housing shortage', and warned that mortgages and rents were now 'out of reach' for workers on average incomes.

Claire Astbury, manager for the National Housing Federation in the East of England, called for a rapid

Southend facts

- Wages up by 31 per cent in past 10 years
- House prices up by 77 per cent in past 10 years
- Income needed for an average house: £49,025
- Average salary: £22,932
- 30 per cent increase in rentals in past 10 years

house building programme, and asked local people to back it.

She said: "High house prices, rising rents and low and stagnant wages in Essex are not only making life extremely difficult for people living and working in

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We have teamed up with the promoters of the production to offer 10 lucky readers the chance to win a pair of tickets to see the all-star cast bring to life the music of the 'Queen of Soul' Aretha Franklin and fellow soul legends such as James Brown, Tina Turner, Wilson Pickett, Sam and Dave, Michael Jackson, Barry White, George Benson, Lionel Richie and scores more.

Spanning the decades – from soul's heady sixties' origins to the present day – the production also includes slick choreography, 16 dazzling costume changes and the superb Soul Legends live band, as well as such classics as 'Respect', 'Midnight Hour', 'Soul Man', 'Knock on Wood', 'Get Up (I Feel Like a Sex Machine)', 'River Deep Mountain High', 'And I'm Telling You', 'Natural Woman', 'Nuthush City Limits', 'Beat It', 'Proud Mary', 'Give Me the Night', 'You're My First My Last My Everything', 'Papa Was a Rolling Stone', 'Think' and 'I Feel Good'.

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House prices

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the county, but they are also affecting employers and businesses and risk holding back economic growth."

The federation is the trade body for UK housing associations that currently provides two-and-a-half million so-called 'affordable properties' to more than five million people.

It campaigns for more homes at prices people can afford, and has launched a 'Yes to Homes' campaign, calling on people lobby planners to approve for more 'affordable homes' in their area. Claire Astbury added:

"Local people have an important role to play. Those who want more housing in Essex need to contact local councillors and say 'Yes to Homes'."

The federation published a report on March 10 – Home Truths 2014: East of England – which claimed an Essex worker now needs a gross annual income of £54,104 for an average mortgage. This is almost double the average salary of £22,890. The report also reveals that rentals are increasing, and are expected to rise by 49 per cent by 2020 – faster than anywhere else in the UK.

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RADIO co-hosts Paul Lovett and Emma Graham will now be spending even more time with each other.

Not only do they present the Saturday Brunch Show together on Essex Radio, they have now tied the knot.

The couple got married last Friday at the Sands Bistro on Southend Seafront.

The new Mr and Mrs Lovett said: "It's been a magical day for us both celebrating our wedding with our family and friends.

"The team at Sands effortlessly made us feel comfortable and the day was totally stress free for us both. It truly has been a dream wedding day."

TUNED INTO EACH OTHER: Radio co-hosts Paul Lovett and Emma Graham are now married



Radio couple's perfect reception

Conman promises chocs before stealing from kindly old lady, 87

By Paul Giles

southend@yellowad.co.uk

A CONMAN tricked his way into an elderly woman's home and promised her a box of chocolates before stealing cash and a credit card.

The 87-year-old victim, who lives in Blenheim Chase, Leigh, was at home at 5.30pm, last Thursday (March 20), when a man knocked on the door.

Investigating officer DC Andy Copley said the woman didn't know the visitor.

The officer said: "He claimed he was a neighbour's nephew and that the neighbour had been rushed to a London hospital with a heart attack.

He said he needed £45 for the taxi fare [to get there]. The victim, believing the story, invited him into the house and gave him £50 as she didn't have change. On leaving, the man promised to return the money

Sweet offer turns sour for tricked OAP

by 6pm that night with a large box of chocolates. Obviously, he did not return."

After the man had left, the victim also realised a tin containing £100 and her credit card had disappeared.

The trickster is described as white, in his 30s with short,

dark hair. He had distinctive arched eyebrows and was wearing a light top with a dark suit on over that.

DC Dopley said: "I would urge householders not to let people into their homes unless they know who they are.

"Certain people will come up

with all sorts of plausible stories to obtain money from kind hearted members of society who think they are trying to help those in need."

Anyone with any information about the crime should call the CID on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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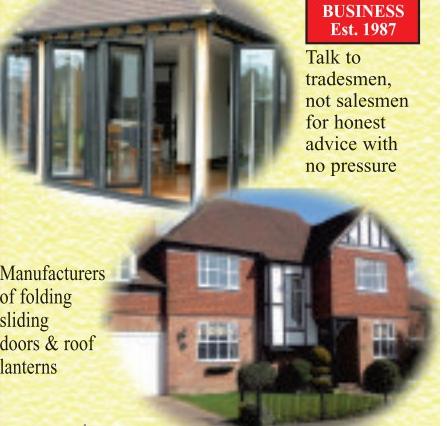
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Cash for roads

MORE than £250,000 is to be spent fixing roads in Southend.

The cash from the Department for Transport will be used on roads damaged by bad weather.

Southend councillor for public protection and transport Tony Cox explained: "This will complement our existing efforts to undertake essential repairs to our roads that will improve safety for the benefit of local residents and businesses."

Roadwork details can be found at www.southend.gov.uk

Mum's the word

THE Victoria Shopping Centre, Southend, is giving mums a free photo booth experience and the chance to win a pamper day.

Mums can head to the centre on Saturday (March 29), 11am-3pm to snap their a memorable Mother's Day photo which will be turned into a photo keyring.

Arty chances

OPPORTUNITIES for art commissions, residencies and personal development are being unveiled this Thursday.

The Essex Network of Artist Studios (ENAS) has been set up to help artists in the county thrive and develop through 'collaborative working'.

Funding for the project was secured through the Arts Council England's grant for the arts programme.

More details about the project can be found at the website www.essexstudios.org.uk

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APPEAL: Julie Lamb with Smokey

Picture by Mark Cleveland

Homeless cat op appeal launched

AN APPEAL has been put out to raise money for a cat who needs a £500 operation on her teeth after she was made homeless.

Smokey was found living in the basement of the Bradbury Centre, in York Road, in 2004, run by the Homeless Action Resource Project (HARP).

Since the centre has opened she has not been able to stay there due to pet restrictions and has been put in the care of Julie Lamb, at Southend Cats Protection.

Julie explained Smokey, who is

now 12 years old, is in pain with her rotten teeth.

She said: "Smokey is a lovely looking cat but when we took her to the vets for a check up, we were told she had two rotten teeth which were causing her pain and limiting what she can eat."

Anyone who would like to donate to Smokey having an operation to remove the teeth should send cheques to Sarah Hunt, 237 Eastwood Road North, Leigh, SS9 4ND, with cheques made payable to Southend Cats Protection.



STREETSMART: Dursan Gelikli, Allessia Armata, David Burzotta and Susanna Burzotta from Il Pescatore who are supporting Streetsmart.

Be Streetsmart for charity

THE Homeless Action Resource Project (HARP) has launched its annual national Streetsmart campaign.

The campaign sees restaurants in Southend adding £1 from each table they serve going towards the charity.

Streetsmart director Glenn Pouget said "Streetsmart is an ideal way for people to donate just a £1 at their favourite restaurants to help others who are less fortunate.

"With having positively helped more than 1,500 people in the past twelve months and also provided in the region of 28,000 meals during this time at its various hostels, HARP's services are vital to Southend's homeless who may not have anywhere else to turn to".

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Lifeboat launched

A LIFEBOAT was launched at 1am, on Monday, March 17, to search for a missing man.

The lifeboat crew searched along the shoreline between Two Tree Island, in Leigh, and all the way up to East Beach, in Shoeburyness.

The boat was joined by the police helicopter before crews stood down when the man was found three hours later on shore.

Health meeting

SOUTHEND NHS Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) will be holding a governing body meeting on Thursday, March 27.

Members of the public are being invited to listen to future plans for Southend's health services.

Tea and coffee will be served from 1.30pm and the meeting will start at 1.45pm.

The meeting will be held in the boardroom of Sufflok House, 102 Baxter Avenue, Southend.

Public meeting

SOUTH Essex Partnership Trust (SEPT) is holding a public meeting of the board of directors at 11am, on Wednesday, March 26, at 11am.

The agenda includes a presentation on the results of the NHS staff survey.

The meeting will be held at The Hawthorn Centre, Rochford Hospital, Rochford.

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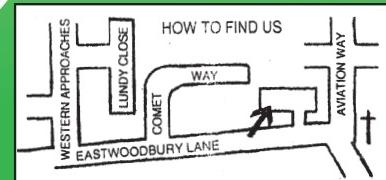
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CHARITY: James Punt who is raising money for Diabetes UK.

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Charity fundraiser

A CHARITY event will be held to raise money for Diabetes UK this Saturday.

James Punt, who will also be running the London Marathon this year for the charity has arranged the event being held

at Bart's Bar, in Southchurch Road, Southend, from 7.30pm.

James said there would be a selection of activities for people to take part in.

He said: "We have organised a raffle, competitions and

games for all to join in.

"Diabetes UK is a very worthy cause and thankfully a lot of generous businesses have provided us with prizes to auction off."

Entry to the event is free.

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OAPs fall for telephone con trick

PEOPLE are once again being warned to be on their guard against a telephone fraudster who conned £13,000 out of elderly victims.

A man in his 80s, in Leigh was tricked into handing over £5,000 on Tuesday, March 18.

Another woman in her 70s lost £3,000 on Wednesday, March 19, and an elderly man in Southend gave the fraudster £5,000 on Thursday, March 20.

In all cases the victims were contacted by a man claiming to be a Metropolitan Police fraud squad officer based at Hammersmith who said he was investigating fraud at their respective banks.

He claimed he needed a large sum of

money to be withdrawn from the local branches of the bank so the banknotes could be forensically examined.

A total of 24 people in Rochford, Canvey and Southend were called by the bogus officer.

More than 100 people in Essex have been tricked out of more than £350,000 since the scam first came to light in January 2013.

Chief inspector Matt Bennett, said all of the 27 people who were contacted last week were given various stories about how there was an investigation into the theft of bank cards or bank details and there had been cases of fraud at their bank branches.

He said: "Some people realised it was

a long running scam and one person told the caller he had seen a warning on Crimewatch the previous evening.

Another person said a police officer lived next door and he was going to invite him round to handle the call.

"Unfortunately three people fell for the fraud and handed over the money to couriers who were sent by the tricksters to collect the cash."

The man at Leigh had already handed over £5,000 when the trickster asked for another £9,000.

"His bank became concerned when he tried to make another large cash withdrawal and called police when they realised what had happened."

"These are despicable crimes being

carried out by thieves posing as police fraud officers, the very people they ought to be able to turn to and trust in exactly this sort of crime."

"Instead, they callously prey on the elderly and vulnerable and have no thought for how their victims might suffer from the loss of money that might have been saved over many years."

"It is vital that whenever people receive this sort of call they should put the phone down and call us, but on another phone or mobile."

"Part of the con involves keeping people on the line while they pretend to transfer calls to police officers or bank officials."

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Charity quiz

A PUB quiz will be held to raise money for the homeless in Southend.

The quiz will be held at The Railway Hotel, Clifftown Road, on Wednesday, April 2, from 7.30pm.

All proceeds will be given to Cafe Utopia towards its coffee for the homeless scheme.

Man in court

RICHARD John Ellis appeared at Southend Magistrates Court last Friday charged with two counts of touching girls under the age of 16, three counts of attempting to pay for sexual services from girls under the age of 18, sexual assault on a female, exposure and assault by beating.

The 54 year old, from Chelmsford Avenue, Westcliff, will appear at Basildon Crown Court the week starting Monday, June 16.

Assault charge

JASON Hurrell appeared at Southend Magistrates Court last Friday charged with two counts of sexual assault.

The 23 year old from Beaver Tower, in Leigh, who pleaded not guilty will appear before Basildon Crown Court the week starting Monday, June 16.

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More Village Green acts announced

TWO more acts have been confirmed for Village Green this year.

Kathryn Williams and Eight Rounds Rapid have been added to the line up that will see Beth Orton headlining the one day festival.

Mercury nominated Kathryn Williams is one of Britain's finest song writers challenging the distinction between folk and pop.

She released her fist album after setting up her own record label Caw, on a budget of £80.

Her latest album crown Electric was released in September, 2013, and the single Heart Shaped Stone was previewed on Radio 2.

Southend based band Eight Rounds Rapid will also join her on the bill.

Rooted in traditional blues the band reached a national audience last year when they supported Wilko Johnson on his UK Farewell Tour.

Sean McLaughlin, Village Green producer said Kathryn Williams was a highly regarded performer in the music industry.

He said: "Village Green will present the perfect festival backdrop to the summery vibe of her songs.

"At the same time we think it is important to showcase real home grown talent such as, Eight Rounds Rapid who have not only taken Southend by storm but are in the process of breaking out on to a national level." Tickets for Village Green are available by visiting www.metalculture.com.



PERFORMING: Kathryn Williams will be playing at the Village Green festival.

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Man stabbed

A MAN was attacked in the stairwell of a block of flats.

The man, 30, of Southend, was in the stairwell at Grampain, in Balmoral Road, Westcliff, when another man approached him and stabbed him in the leg.

The attacker is described as white, mid 20s, medium build, short blond hair and wearing a grey Adidas T-shirt and grey Adidas jogging bottoms.

Any witnesses to the incident at 3.20pm on Saturday (March 22) should contact police on 101.

Well run group

WOMEN are invited to spring into action for the next Running Sisters course on May 12.

The six-week course costs £16 and is delivered by female running coaches. It will be held 6pm to 7pm at Chalkwell Park, Southend and is designed for over-16s who have not done much exercise recently.

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SOUTHEND Council has beaten national targets to retain its silver Investors in People status for another three years.

The council first won the award in 2011 but has to reapply under the awards rules. Judges declared the council was not only continuing to meet targets for developing and training staff but had beaten them.

Investors in People assessor Allan Churchman noted: "Staff have been engaged through the change projects and have contributed to the development of plans at all levels. People feel trusted and empowered and make appropriate decisions at all levels. People feel valued

here, have confidence in managers and are enthusiastic about their work.

"Everyone working for the council understands the importance of core values."

Council leader Nigel Holdcroft said it was a tremendous result.

Mr Holdcroft said: "Despite the continuing challenges of difficult economic circumstances we have not only managed to keep up our high standards in training and developing our staff, but we have exceeded the targets. It is vital to keep investing in our staff at these levels and beyond, to enable them to deliver the very best services we can to our residents."

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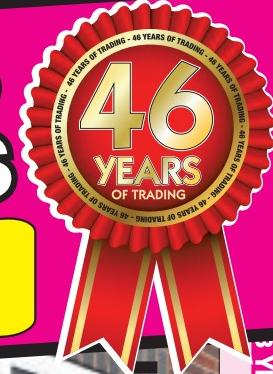


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NEW PC: Trish Carpenter from CAB and Jeremy Nutter from Seetec.

SOUTHEND'S Citizen Advice Bureau (CAB) has been donated new computers to help customers.

On Thursday, March 20, the computers were handed over by training and employment providers Seetec.

Jeremy Nutter, Seetec chief

executive, said when he found out about the CAB's plight he was keen to help out.

He said: "As an organisation, the CAB offers a first class service to the people of Southend, some of whom are also our customers, who we support in their

efforts to get them back into work, so of course we are really happy to help."

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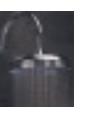
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ENTRIES for this year's Gateway 97.8 Battle of the Bands contest close on Friday (March 28).

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It's almost now, Jhon

cert finale, which raises money for charity.

Last year's event, at the Springhouse Club in Corringham, raised £1,600 for the Thurrock Parkinson's Support Group.

Any Essex-based band can apply to take part in the on-air

preliminary contest by emailing a biography and two or three tracks to battleofthebands@gateway978.com

Judges will select bands to compete in the on-air contest, scheduled for April 27. The live final will be at the Springhouse Club on May 30.

Police station in £6m revamp plan

ESSEX Police plans to spend £6 million revamping Southend police station because the force claims it is not fit for purpose.

The proposal sees the number of cells extended from 22 to 30 plus dedicated facilities for drugs inspections as well as washrooms, interview suites and an increase in booking-in desks. The current custody suite is more than 50 years old and is not fit for purpose for modern policing, says the force.

Assistant chief constable Julia Wortley said the investment demonstrates a commit-

ment to keeping policing in the town. She said: "Our plan to refurbish the custody suite at Southend follows other improvements at Grays, Basildon and Chelmsford in recent years, which have provided some excellent facilities."

"The planning application [to Southend Council] also includes some changes to the facade of the building which we hope will transform the dated 1950s exterior of the police station into a landmark building for Southend."

Police and crime commissioner for Essex Nick Alston

said he was pleased the plan had been put forward. He said: "It is important that our police stations are for purpose and well equipped to serve the needs of the local community."

He added: "I am confident that the refurbishment of the Southend station will have a positive impact on policing in Southend and on the community that it serves."

"This work forms an important part of the wider Essex Police estates strategy."

If planning consent is agreed, the work is scheduled to be completed by May 2016.

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Lack of funds grounds air show until next year

THE Southend Airshow and Military Festival has been postponed until next year after organisers failed to raise the last £35,000 to fund the event.

In less than a year organisers John Delaney and Thomas Curtis managed to raise a total of £185,000 to fund the event that was supposed to be held in September this year.

However, last week the pair announced they had fallen short.

The pair have said although it was possible to run a smaller event with fewer aircraft involved it was not what they were aiming for.

Money will now be saved and further funds raised to go towards the event in 2015.

Thomas said it was a sad day for himself and the team who have been raising money. He said: "Postponing the event to 2015 does not remove the achievements we have made this year."

"From the creation of Southend Airshow CIC, Gibson the airshow bear and raising an amazing £185,000 in just nine months.

"This is combined with the massive success we have found on Facebook where we have in excess of 23,000 supporters making us one of the largest, if not the largest airshow Facebook page in the country."

John said putting the show together in nine months was always going to be a huge task.

He said: "I am still delighted with what we have achieved so far."

Deal signed for businesses

BUSINESSES are being urged to register their details with the council to find out more about support that may be available to them following the signing of the Southend City Deal.

The deal will offer a range of support to small and medium sized businesses to make the most of the area's entrepreneurial spirit, drive jobs and attract 'inward investment'.

Support will include grants, expertise from the University of Essex and Anglia Ruskin University, and a range of events, workshops and training delivered with the Essex Chamber of Commerce.

More than £6 million of public and private investment has been put towards the business hub that will be based in the old library building in Victoria Avenue.

It will also cover the renovation of Victoria Avenue, to supply more office space to local and international businesses.

Councillor for regeneration and enterprise, John Lamb, said the signing of the City Deal was the culmination of a lot of hard work.

He said: "It means that exciting times lie ahead for the council, the local enterprise partnership and local business-

es.

"Funding will be used to provide business support and advice, specialist innovation support and grant advice.

"We will also be taking forward the exciting redevelopments of the former central library and have committed to purchasing empty sites to regenerate the area.

"I would encourage businesses to register their interest with the council and when we have more details and news we will be able to update them."

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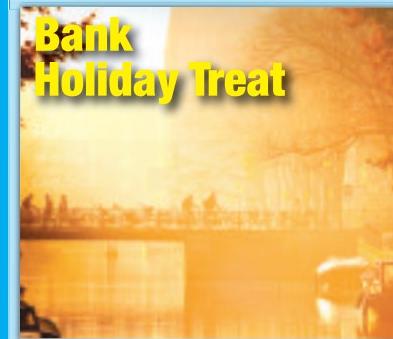
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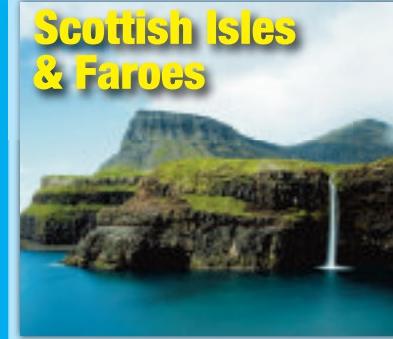
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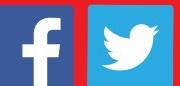
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Panto dame is a Big(gins) name

And Cpt Hook's quite famous too – it's The Hoff!

By Paul Giles

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THE Cliffs Pavilion theatre has announced Christopher Biggins will be playing Mrs Smee, the dame in its pantomime of Peter Pan this year.

He will be joined at the Southend theatre by star of TV's Baywatch David Hasselhoff in the role of Captain Hook.

Jonathan Kiley, executive producer of the panto said he was thrilled to have Christopher and The Hoff on board.

He said: "Having two such superb stars leading a cast of this year's magical pantomime, combined with top drawer production values, stunning sets and fabulous costumes makes Peter Pan the must-see pantomime in Essex."

Theatre director Ellen McPhillips said Christopher Biggins was well known for playing a dame. When he won the show I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! in the Australian jungle in winter 2007, it was the first time he had not performed in a pantomime for 38 years.

Ellen said: "Since announcing that The Hoff will be starring in the pantomime there has been a massive demand for tickets, and the addition of Christopher is the icing on the cake."

Peter Pan runs from December 13, until January 11, 2015.



THERE AIN'T NOTHIN' LIKE A DAME:
Christopher Biggins is to play the dame in this year's panto at the Cliffs Pavilion, Southend, and, below, David Hasselhoff in the role of Cpt Hook

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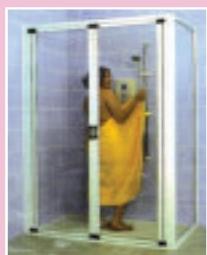


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Failure has cost us all dearly

I was sad to hear that the air-show could not be revived this year, but the amount of times I tried to give my £10 had become embarrassing. Nora assured us all it was now possible, but still the target is reported to have failed by as much as £35k.

Sorry, as much as this group tried, the failure to get personal donations early has cost us all dearly.

**Mark Flewitt
Leigh on Sea**

Benn was a great humanitarian

We would like to say how we, like many other people across Britain, were saddened to hear about the death of Tony Benn. He was a great humanitarian; a kind, compassionate and legendary man, a champion of the powerless, as Ed Miliband stated, and this included animals.

He campaigned tirelessly for an end to vivisection and animal experimentation, (although predictably this failed to get a mention on our Tory-led news coverage). He voted vehemently against fox-hunting and lent his support to many animal rights groups.

MP Chris Mullin said of Tony Benn: "He was a life enhancer and fizzed with ideas."

Just two of his many inspirational quotes were:-

"In the course of my life I have developed five little democratic questions. If one meets a powerful person - Adolf Hitler, Joe Stalin or Bill Gates - ask them five questions: 'What power have you got? Where did you get it from? In whose interests do you exercise it? To whom are you accountable? And how can we get rid of you?' If you cannot get rid of the people who govern you, you do not live in a democratic system."

And the second:- "I never liked meat and my son Hilary, 30 years ago, said: 'If the world ate at the grain instead of feeding it to animals and killing them, there would be enough food for everybody.' That moment my wife and I became vegetarian and I never touched meat since."

He will be sadly missed.

**Patricia and Nigel Hall,
Gidea Park**

Let's hope the plan is withdrawn

Should an elected member's motion about to be put to Castle Point Council on Wednesday, regarding the inclusion of the land South of the Blinking Owl be carried, then clearly the pro-

posed local plan will be blown away and a fourth attempt will be needed with more spending of "council tax payers' money."

The strangest thing about this motion is that it seems to have the support of three prominent cabinet members (Cllrs. Dick, Smith and Stanley).

What sort of council do we have, when the authors of the proposed local plan now seem to be disowning their own work?

Having said that, let's hope that the proposed plan is withdrawn and that proper consideration is given to sorting out the deplorable state of both Manor and Charfleets Trading estates as well as desisting from building on usable farm land.

**Brian Wilson
Benfleet**

It all smacks of extreme hypocrisy

The Ukrainian problem started with an internal dispute as to whether linkage should be with the EU or Russia. However, America decided it should pour oil on troubled waters notwithstanding the continuing malevolence between them and Russia. To hear Senators McCain and Kerry talk of regime change after the illegal invasion of Iraq smacks of extreme hypocrisy. However the hypocrisy that we should be concerned with is that of our government.

Hague said that the world cannot say it's OK to violate the sovereignty of another nation in this way, though he was in favour of the assault on Iraq. Perhaps the greatest hypocrisy was that of Cameron who recently visited Israel and remained tight lipped in the matter of their 47 years of illegal occupations.

So we now have a sanctions war and nobody has mentioned the Iraq words 'exit strategy' or how we return to civilised existence.

Pragmatism suggests that Russian speaking Crimeans would wish to throw in their lot with wealthy Russia rather than bankrupt Ukraine by giving democracy a chance.

**Les Harrington
Benfleet**

Are councillors worth their place?

In the situation of cutting back by Basildon and Essex County councils, perhaps we should look inwards at what our councillors cost us and if they are

worth their place on our council.

We could start by asking what our mayor costs and do we even need a mayor with all the pomp and ceremony? You never know we could save enough to put our lights back on.

**Mr V Cribben
Basildon**

What will the council think of next?

A few weeks ago I sent an email to Basildon Council complaining about two street lights that I thought weren't working. They are situated at the back of the houses in The Hatherley where the garages are. I noticed that the street lamps weren't working, it was in complete blackness, so I sent an email to report the problem.

Little did I know that the street lamps are turned off after midnight to save money! I read about this in this week's YA. I think it's disgusting that people are having accidents and hurting themselves all because this council thinks

that it's right to put Basildon into darkness to save money! What will be the next thing they dream up?!

**S Denham
Basildon**

Put some bollards up now

Full marks for Basildon Council for turning the verge at the Billericay by-pass adjacent to Billericay School into a conservation area. But I see that certain times are exempt from this initiative. By that I mean it turns into a car park between 2.45pm and 3.30pm every school day. This makes it look like a ploughed field and not what I envisaged a conservation area to be.

I realise the little darlings have to be picked up within 30 feet of leaving school just in case they suffer intolerable cruelty, but my rates are paying for a conservation area and not a temporary car park.

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**Neil Davidson
Billericay**

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Have the time of your life

by LIZ WADE

THE producer behind the ultimate tribute show of everyone's favourite film – Dirty Dancing – admits to plenty of pressure in bringing the production to the stage.

Michael Taylor, who says it took a year in the making before A Night of Dirty Dancing took to the road, adds: "There's a lot of pressure. Audiences have such fond memories of the film, there's a great deal of expectation involved."

"When it comes to the 'lift' you can hear a pin drop in the auditorium. The 'will they, won't they make it' is a bit like the first corner of a Formula 1 Grand Prix."

"Fortunately, we're pleased to report there's not been a spectacular crash... yet!", he laughs.

A Night of Dirty Dancing, which is touring the country until the end of the year, will be heading to Chelmsford Civic Theatre on Thursday, May 8, and its cast are inviting fans of the film to enjoy a trip back to the summer of 1963 and relive Patrick Swayze's and Jennifer Grey's sizzling performance in the ultimate coming of age romance.

Michael adds: "A major factor in the popularity of Dirty Dancing is that the film was set in the sixties, featuring classic songs from the era, and the film was released in the eighties. So there's two incredible eras of nostalgia to dip into."

The ultimate tribute show includes such

classics as She's Like the Wind, Big Girls Don't Cry, Hey Baby, Wipeout, Do You Love Me, Be My Baby, Hungry Eyes and the Oscar-winning (I've Had) The Time of My Life, and Michael hopes it is as much fun being in the audience as it is being on stage.

He says the cast is made up of a group of "incredible dancers and wonderful singers who combine together superbly".

He adds: "Over the years the cast has changed until we have, in my mind, the greatest line-up in the show's history."

They include Katie Bass who has appeared in many musicals including Shout, Oliver, Grease and The Wizard of Oz, in which she starred as Dorothy, and Angela Sheppard who starred in the world tour of Man in the Mirror and has many high-profile film and TV credits such as Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows and ITV's Mr Selfridge.

Among those joining them are Austin Wilks – vocalist on Red Hot Broadway and The Twelve Tenors – 20-year-old Greg Smith who has performed across America and appeared in Tsarina's Slippers at London Royal Opera House, and Vicki Davids who played the role of Rose Johnson in the feature film Mrs Henderson Presents starring Judi Dench and Bob Hoskins and appeared in Magic of the Musicals with Wayne Sleep and Hello Dolly! with Anita Dobson and Darren Day.

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Chelmer Valley Nature Reserve, located along the eastern banks of the river, holds a Green Flag Community Award, a national award that recognises high quality green spaces that are managed by voluntary and community groups.

The reserve, which is managed by Chelmsford Borough Council, is actively supported by the Friends of Chelmer Valley Local Nature Reserve who are working to develop the area into a permanent place for wildlife, education and recreation.

Today the site, a mixture of foot and bike paths between Valley Bridge and Victoria Road, is home to a wide range of wildlife and habitats including rare areas of old grassland, forgotten ponds perfect for newts and frogs, and river-lined woodland.

Alongside the river itself, the northern section of the reserve, between Valley Bridge and Fifth Avenue, is home to unimproved grassland, old hedgerow, scrub, river-lined woodland and a seasonal pond.

Setting off from Valley Bridge along the reserves' 39 acres you will pass Stable Field, which supports a variety of wild flowers including Pyramidal and Common Spotted Orchids and bees and butterflies, such as the Essex Skipper, Meadow Brown and Common Blue, who feed of nectar provided by Field Scabious and Greater Knapweed. The field, which was originally part of Springfield Hall Farm at the time of the Tithe Awards in 1839, was once surrounded by arable pasture and meadows and still has its original hedge lines.

Further along the river are the reserves' plantation woods, home to Willows and Grey Poplars, and the old Mill House, which was constructed from brick and timber with an undershot wheel. While the mill once worked eight pairs of stones, today only the water wheel shaft and parts of the wheel sluice survive.

Adjacent to this is Mill Pond which supports a variety of fish including Bullheads and Stone

Loaches, and even sometimes other creatures such as Great Crested Newts and even White Clawed Crayfish.

Also in the area of Mill House and Mill Pond is the former site of Bishops' Hall which was used by the Bishops of London as a weekend residence until 1545. The hall, which stood on the corner of Rectory Lane and New Street, was destroyed by fire in 1929.

Other locations of interest along the route include a series of ponds at Great Mead, which have been created for the benefit of amphibians such as frogs and newts and invertebrates including dragonflies and damselflies, and a large marsh area opposite the Riverside Retail Park. This marshland is also home to mature Willows that are harvested every 15 to 30 years by a local company to make cricket bat blades.

You can access the reserve from a number of pedestrian points including the southern end of Victoria Road, footbridges from Anglian Ruskin University campus



at Rivermead, Fifth Avenue via Hill View Road, and Valley Bridge, and parking is available at Riverside Leisure Centre or at Springfield Hall Park in Arun Close, Chelmsford.

There are a series of interpretation boards along the river which tell you more about the reserve but if you want further information

before you set off then you can download a Chelmer Valley Local Nature Reserve Heritage and Nature Trail leaflet from www.chelmsford.gov.uk/friends-chelmer-valley-nature-reserve

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Saturday, March 29

- Home made cake sale at the St Francis Centre, Linford, 10am-12pm. Cakes for Mothering Sunday at reasonable prices.
- Wesley Theatre Group are performing 'School for Murder' a comedy thriller bt Bettine Mantelow at the Wesley Hall, Elm Road, Leigh-on-sea. Ticket's available 01702 48068 or on door, £7. Lift access available.
- Thunderley Gardening Association, spring flower show, 2pm at Swans Green Hall, Hart Road, Thunderley. Refreshments served.
- Quiz Night in aid of Cat Action Trust 1977, 7.30pm, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh-on-sea. Admission, £3.50 inc refreshments. Bookings: 01702 477163/540903. Everyone welcome.
- The choir for all season presents: Music on the Orient Express, Mayflower Hall, Chapel Street, Billericay, 8pm, tickets £6 01727 656935.
- Southend Choral Society presents Judas Macabaeus Handel, 7.30pm Crowstone United Reform Church. Westclif. Tickets: £9, call 01268 780029 or visit www.southendchoral.org.
- Yugioh Club, you can play and trade Yugioh, 120 Southend Road, St Catherine's Church Hall, Wickford, SS11 8EB, there are mini tournaments. Saturdays 1.30-4.20pm, 07985 671289.
- Dad's and Kids Club, The Megacentre, Rayleigh, Saturdays 10.30am-1.30pm, free admission, games, activities, arts and crafts, for boys and girls 5-17 years with their fathers and father figures. 01268 779100.
- Saturday Morning Club, St Michaels Church Hall, Leigh Road, every Saturday 10am-noon, entertainment provided by choirs, soloists, musicians, refreshments, admission free, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled. 01702 437633.
- Meeting, Brush Strokes Art Group,

Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, every Saturday 9.15am-12.15pm, new members welcome, 01277 627043.

- Different Strokes Exercise Class, St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, for those who have had a stroke, every Saturday 2.30pm. 01702 612509.
- Jazz Workshop, Southend Jazz Co-op, Hadleigh old Fire Station, Hadleigh every Saturday 10am-1pm, £5 per session (concessions available).

Sunday, March 30

- Dinner Music for Mother's Day, Westclif Hotel, 12.30pm. 01702 345247.
- The Hockley & District Horticultural Society trading hut, February through October, 10am til 12 noon, for all your gardening sundries, membership £3, situated behind Hawkwell Village Hall, Main Road, Hawkwell.
- Jazz, Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz, Westclif Hotel, Westclif, 1pm. 01702 345247.
- Sunday School, Get on Board (No Charge) at The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, every Sunday 11am-noon, age 3-10 years. 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.
- Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation, Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh, Sundays 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation over tea and biscuits, all welcome.
- King's Church Southend at Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, every Sunday 10.30am-noon, a church where knowing Jesus makes all the difference. 01702 523639.
- King's Church Tarpots at St Mary's Church Hall, High Road, Benfleet, every Sunday 10.30am-12.30pm church but not as you know it. 01268 750520.
- Greek Community of Southend and District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourios and St Pauls, Salisbury Avenue, Westclif, every Sunday 10am-noon. 01702 466435.
- Sunday Club, TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, (children 3-12 years), Bible stories, craft, singing, every Sunday 10.45-11.45am, no charge, further details 01702 554904.
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Beginners Art Class, Women's Institute Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, 1pm-3pm. Learn to paint & draw with artist Paul Alcock. 01702 615475.

- George Hurd Centre, Basildon, for the over 50's. Craft: 10am-12pm, Tai Chi: Whist 9.45-12.30, 10am-12pm, Art: 12.30-2.30pm, Choir: 2.30-4pm, Indoor bowls: 2-4pm, £2, 01268 465854.
- Senior Citizens Club, Benfleet's No 1 Club, Richmond Hall, Benfleet, meets Mondays 1.30-3.30pm, entertainment, all welcome.
- Southend Christian Counselling Service, you need to talk, open to all, Mondays 5.30-7.30pm and Thursdays 2-7.30pm, further details call our 24 hour answer machine 01702 335252 and back to you.
- Over 50's Keep-fit Classes, Fryerns Community Centre, Monday afternoons, further details Pat 01268 770294.
- Over 50's session, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, 12.30pm-2.30pm badminton, 2pm-4pm table tennis, £3.60, includes refreshments and use of equipment, details 01268 779100.
- Duplicate Bridge, Balmoral Bridge Club, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh (opposite Thames Drive), Mondays 1.15pm-4.30pm and Tuesdays 7pm-10.30pm, call Vernon on 01702 343611 or Tony 01702 520993.
- Duplicate Bridge, Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, 62 Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, non-members of all standards welcome, Mondays 2.4-4.45pm (no partner needed), evenings 7.30-10.30pm, call Danny 07843 771774.
- Wednesday Craft Workshop, St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, Benfleet, every Monday 6-8pm, further details Michelle 07730 582784.
- Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group, Mondays and Wednesdays 8-10pm, James Hornsby High School, Leinster Road, Laindon, further details Jeff Levy 07951 681582 or email join@basildonplayers.co.uk
- Zumba, Pitsea Day Centre Over 50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, every Monday 9.15-10am. 01268 465432.
- Beginners Computer Course, Pitsea Day Centre Over 50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, every Monday, 11am-1pm, 01268 465432.
- Club 60, Southend, various activities every weekday, 9.30-4pm, tea bar, non-members welcome, £2 day pass, details 01702 613562.
- Short Mat Bowls Club in Hadleigh, new hall all mod-cons, 4 mats, Monday and

Tuesday, April 1

- Art Class, Beginners and experienced students welcome. Women's Institute Hall, Bellingham Lane, 10am-12pm or 1-3pm, Learn to draw and aint with artist Paul Alcock. 01702 615475.
- We'll meet again, 2.30-4.30, St Clement's Church, Leigh-on-sea. Refreshments served and Community Police Officer will be talking about her work in the community. All welcome.
- Weekly Craft Group, Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Road, Leigh, 2.30-4pm. No charge or booking required. Emma 01702 471783.
- Willows Park Short Mat Bowls Club require new or experienced players. We meet at the James Hornsby School, Laindon weekly. First session free call or text Alan on 07952 043456.
- Social Dance, 1.45pm at Cedds Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westclif. Ballroom, Sequence, Latin. Friendly Group, all welcome 07767 406194.
- Evening of Clairvoyance, St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, 7.15pm, £2, enquiries Anne 01702 556470.
- Folk Music, The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northwest Drive, Westclif. 'Steve Tilston', 8pm. 01702 715111.
- Tea Dance, Ashingdon Memorial Hall, Ashingdon Road, Rochford, ballroom, Latin and sequence, every Tuesday 2-4pm. 01702 584575.
- Health Walk, Salvation Army, Hadleigh, 10.30am, meet Castle Lane car park, Hadleigh, every Tuesday, details 01702 318121.
- Scrabble Club, Hockley and Hawkwell 55+ Social Centre, Southend Road, behind the Library Main Road, every Tuesday 6.30-10pm, first two visits free, also second Saturday & fourth Saturday of each month 2-5pm. 01702 205910.
- Meeting, Ladies Fellowship at the Salvation Army in Hadleigh, Tuesdays 7.30pm, any age, good speakers, chatter

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■ Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group meets every Tuesday and Friday, Fyrefirs Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, wide range of activities and outings, Tuesdays 9.30am-2pm and Fridays 10am-2.30pm.

■ Evening of Clairvoyance, St Cecilia's Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, every Tuesday 7.15pm, £2, enquiries Anne 01702 556470.

■ The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50's, Yoga: 10-11am, Sit down Yoga: 11.10-12.10, Keep fit: 12-1pm, Line Dancing: 1.20-2.20pm, Chess: 1.30-3.30pm, Craft: 1.30-3.30. 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.

■ Single Social Group, meets The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age group 50plus, every Tuesday 8pm. 07970 432994.

■ Single Friendship Club for 50 plus, South Benfleet Social Club, every Tuesday 8.15pm, further details Maureen 01268 692998.

■ New and Nearly New Stall, outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, facing the gardens (if wet in church foyer), every Tuesday 10am-noon.

■ Table Top Sale, Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, every Tuesday 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems. 01702 258661.

■ Carpet Bowls, Eastwood Community Centre, top of Morrison's car park, every Tuesday 1.45-3.45pm, (and every Thursday 3.30-5.30pm), no experience necessary, non competitive, £2 per session including tea, joining fee £5, first session free.

■ Bingo and Hoy, Wick Community Centre, Wickford, every Tuesday 1.30-4pm, further details John Clarke 01268 570575.

Wednesday, April 2

■ Leigh Travel Club, A talk on Dorset by Linda Willens at The Iveragh Hall, 67, Leigh Road, 7.30pm, £2 admission, includes refreshments. 01702 474475.

■ Graham's Social Tea Dance, every

Wednesday, Richmond Hall, Richmond Ave, Benfleet. Light hearted afternoon of Ballroom & Latin and sequence dances for dancers of all abilities. 2-4.25pm, large free car park, strictly over 18's, £4 per person. 01268 752473.

■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50's. Keep fit: 10-11am, Sit down keep fit: 10-11am, Salsa/Ballroom: 11.30am-12.30pm, Sequence Dance: 12.30-1.15pm, Art: 1.30-3.30pm, Indoor bowls: 1.30-3.30pm, C2, 01268 465854.

■ Singles Connection Friendship and Social Club, open evening at the Haywain for over 45s, Five Bells roundabout, Bobbing, 8.30pm, last Wednesday of every month. 07902 252758.

■ Barn Dance, Grand Ceilidh Club, Royal Naval Association, East Street, Southend, live music from Usual Suspects, 8.30pm. 01702 553622.

■ Indoor Carpet Bowls, St Edmunds Hall, Pantile Avenue, Southend, every Wednesday 2-4pm, further details contact Olive 01702 309280.

■ Played Bowls Before? Come and try it at FS&C Club, Gardiners Close, Basildon, all weather green, free coaching given, regular club mornings, call Chris 01268 419831.

■ Breathing Exercise Group, run by Breathe Easy Basildon, Steeple View Memorial Hall, Wednesdays 1.2-3.0pm, if you have COPD or recently finished from Pulmonary rehabilitation call Honore 01268 574390 for further details.

■ Leigh Singles Social Club, Bellini's, London Road, Leigh, for ages 45-65, every Wednesday 8pm. www.leighsingles.co.uk

■ Social Afternoon of Ballroom and Latin Dancing, Mill Hall, Rayleigh, every Wednesday 1.45-4.15pm, with Pat and Bob. 01702 544112.

■ Line Dancing Lessons, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh, every Wednesday 12.30-2.30pm, helping to raise funds for the church hall. 01268 281488.

■ Afternoon Tea Dance, Richmond Hall, High Road, Benfleet, (entrance off Richmond Avenue), large free car park, every Wednesday 2-4.30pm, £4 per person, includes refreshments, strictly over 18's. 01268 752473.

■ Health Walk, Canvey Sea Wall, 10.30am, meet Labworth car park, Canvey Island, every Wednesday, details 01702 318121.

■ Meeting, Al Anon, International Support Group for families, wives, husbands,

friends of alcoholics and other addicts, 1 Sutton Road, All Saints Church (Vicarage), Southchurch, Southend, Wednesdays 7.30pm, all welcome (non-denominational).

Thursday, April 3

■ Talk on growing Fucshia, South East Essex Fuschia Fellowship holding a meeting with a talk by The British Fuschia Society's top speakers, 19.45, The United Reform Church Hall, Honeypot Lane, SS14 2JZ, £1.

■ Knit and Natter, St Clement's Church, The Broadway, Leigh-on-sea, Knitting, Cross stitch, crochet and other crafts. Project making items donated to charities. 10.30am-12.30. 07960 918841.

■ St John's Cricket Club Nets, 9.15pm, Essex CC. Thinking about joining a club? Come to net session. Players of all abilities. stjohnsbillericay@hotmail.co.uk or call 01277 651718.

■ Carol's Jazz Crew at The Park View, Chalkwell Park, Westcliff-on-Sea, 01702 483900. 3rd Thursday of the month, 8-10.30pm Entry £5.

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■ Table Tennis, St Andrew's Church Hall, Church Road, Shobbury, every Friday 2-4pm. 01702 296708.

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■ Tea Dance, St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, ballroom, Latin and sequence, every Thursday 2-4.15pm. 01702 216726.

Friday, April 4

■ Booksale and coffee morning, 10am-12pm, Chalkwell Park Methodist, corner of Kingsway and Eastwood Lane St, Westcliff-on-Sea. Refr, gifts, books, cakes and a free raffle. In aid of JMA. www.chalkwellpark.co.uk.

■ Water Colour Class, every Friday, 10.15 am-12.15pm, Leigh Sailing Club, Old Leigh, Beginners, Improvers with Leigh Greetings Card, Artist Teresa Norfolk. 01702 307173.

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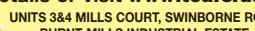
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For those with a huge appetite to satisfy, Akropolis serves up a Greek Meze menu every day for £20.95 per person. The menu, which introduces diners to the Cypriot way of eating, starts with tasty dips and pitta bread, and is followed by cold starters and fish dishes, Cypriot wine sausages, smoked loin of pork and grilled goat's milk cheese. Then it's onto the meats, and even Kleftico and Stifado for those looking for more. To finish you are given a taste of Greek Pastries and an array of fresh fruits.

The Akropolis Meze, available for two or more people, is ideal for parties as the menu is meant to be lingered over.

There is also a Kleftico Feast, including traditional dips and pitta bread, Kleftico, Greek Pastries and a platter of fresh fruits, for £18.95 per person. The mouth-watering food is not the only Akropolis attraction – the restaurant also pro-



duces a good line in live music on most days through the week.

The restaurant, which can comfortably seat up to 60 people and has a well-stocked, fully licensed bar, can cater for everything from a quiet meal for two to birthday celebrations. It is also the perfect place for a range of special occasions including Mother's Day on Sunday, March 30. Anyone interested in

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Alongside normal entrance, children's parties can also be catered for at Cheeky Monkeys making it the perfect place for a range of occasions.

Party packages include party invitations, unlimited juice from arrival, a choice of three hot meals or a cold buffet with ice cream, a Cheeky Monkey birthday cake and a party bag on departure.

Parties can be booked any day and last for two hours, and cost just £7.95 per child for those aged four and under, or £8.95 for children aged five and over.

If you want the entire venue for yourself then Cheeky Monkeys also offers private hire from 4pm onwards. A group of 20 children can exclusively enjoy the play centre for just £200, and if you want to bring more then it is just an extra £7.95 per child thereafter.

Why not book Cheeky Monkeys for an evening function? With a licensed bar 'til midnight the venue is the ideal setting for a charity fundraising event or family party, get together or wedding.

Events are also held throughout the year including visits from a mobile zoo, which has been working closely with Cheeky Monkeys offering animal encounters. Up-and-coming dates, which should be pre-booked to avoid disappointment, include a mobile zoo even for pre-school children on Tuesday, April 29, and another for youngsters aged five and over on Thursday, April 24.

A special Easter Party will see the return of Mr Tumbles on Saturday, April 19, and will include fun and games and an Easter egg for every child.



Hot and cold food will also be available so why not book one of the limited places and join them for an evening of fun .

Cheeky Monkeys is open daily from 10am to 6pm, with FREE entry for all adults. Entrance for children is just £3.95 for under 5s and £4.95 for the 5s and over, with FREE registration. What's more, once registered you will receive a loyalty card which entitles you to one FREE entry for every 10

stamps you collect.

Visitors to Cheeky Monkeys can also enjoy FREE parking as parking tickets are refunded on arrival at the play centre.

For further information, or to book an event or party, call the Cheeky Monkeys team on 01268 683026 ex 3, or visit their Facebook page at 'canveyplaycentre' where you will find all you need to know about up-and-coming events.

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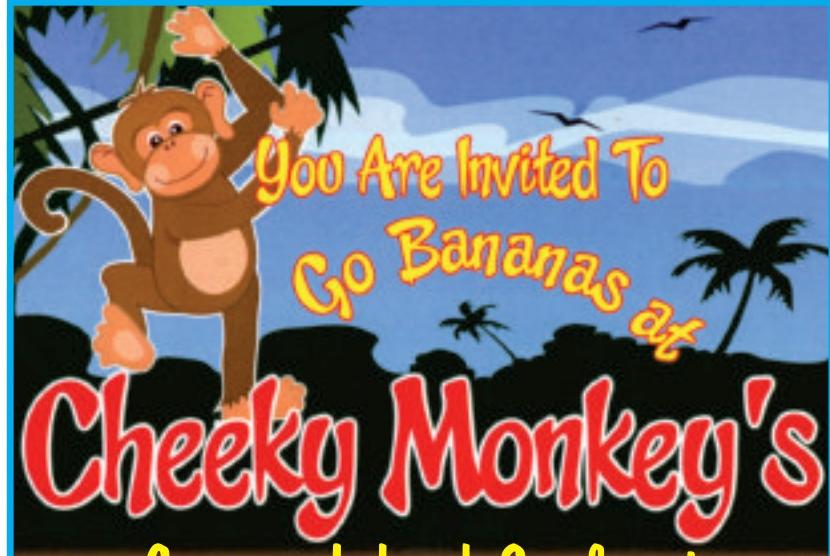
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Regency Spice Restaurant, Lounge and Diner, in Back Lane, Rochford, will be serving a delicious five-course menu on Mothering Sunday, on March 30, for just £12.95 per person and half price for children. Those celebrating will also have the choice of enjoying the restaurant's **Sunday buffet** instead for the **normal price of £7.95 per person** so anyone interested is urged to book early to avoid disappointment.

As well as being renowned for its extensive range of delicious food the restaurant is also well known for its Live Entertainment Evenings and Tribute Nights that are held throughout the year and anyone interested is advised to call for further information.

Regency Spice has proved popular since opening more than three years ago thanks to its exquisite food that looks sensational and tastes divine. Its vast menu includes a range of dishes from chef's recommendations to Regency specialities, as well as tandoori specialities, balti dishes, Nepalese and Bangladeshi specialities, Thali and Kurzi specials, Persian, chicken, meat, fresh fish and shellfish dishes, as well as Thai specialities, vegetarian options and



Regency Combination Platters for two or four people. These are complemented by a wide range of starters, rice dishes, nan breads, sundries and pickles, and desserts, as well as an extensive drinks list including a wide range of beers and wine. Its five-course Midweek Special (served Monday to Thursday), includes popadoms, starter, main course, rice, side dish or nan bread, and tea or coffee for just £12.95: its Business Lunch, served from noon to 2.30pm on weekdays, offers a choice of dishes for just £8.95 per person; while its

Sunday Buffet, served from noon to 11.30pm, allows you to eat as much as they like from a large selection of delicious dishes for £7.95 per person, or £3.95 for under 10s. The restaurant's owner, Tony, who has been in the catering business for more than 40 years, prides himself on his restaurant, which is a wonderful place to celebrate a range of special occasions. It has ample space for large parties thanks to its separate function room, which is complete with dance floor, sounds, lights and smoke, as well as karaoke.

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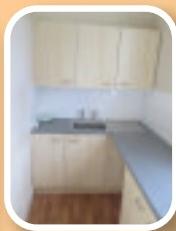


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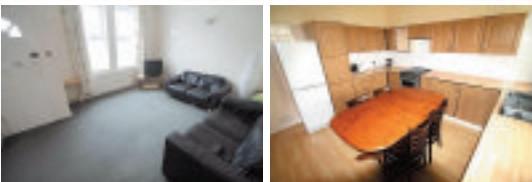
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Westcliff On Sea £99,500



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Westcliff On Sea £159,950



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Southend On Sea £182,500



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Leigh On Sea £925 pcm



Being situated within a popular and quiet location of Eastwood/ Leigh On Sea is this attractive fully detached bungalow, spacious lounge, modern fitted kitchen/ breakfast room with integrated four ring gas hob with extractor fan, integrated eye level oven and grill, two double bedrooms with fitted bedroom furniture, modern white bathroom suite with electric independent shower over bath, full double glazing and gas central heating. South backing rear garden, attached garage with rear storage, off street parking. No smokers, no pets, no housing benefit. No children. Available from Mid May and could be partly furnished.

Westcliff On Sea £525 pcm



Well maintained ground flat with allocated off street parking and own rear patio. The property benefits from a lounge, good size double bedroom, kitchen with breakfast bar and integrated oven and hob with space for appliances, bathroom with integrated shower over. There is double glazing and gas central heating. South backing rear garden, attached garage with rear storage, off street parking. No smokers, no pets, no housing benefit. No children. Available from Mid May and could be partly furnished.

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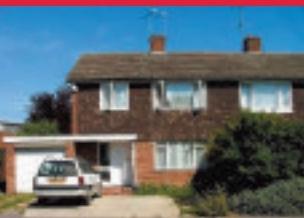
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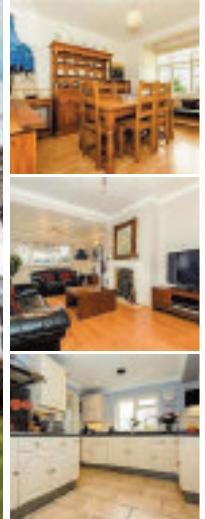


UNEXPECTEDLY BACK ON THE MARKET - Situated in a sought after residential road this three double bedrooomed detached bungalow benefits from being set in a large plot. Modern fitted kitchen and bathroom, two reception rooms, single detached garage. NO ONWARD CHAIN.

Southend-On-Sea



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Hockley



£60,000



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Two bedroom flat, Leigh £180,000

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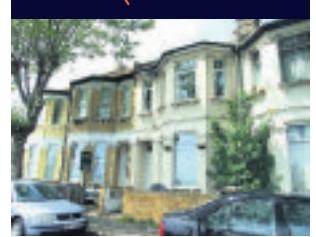
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So, what's it all about?

It was The Prescription Act of 1832 which enshrined the notion of Ancient Lights in English law. This basically said that if someone had been enjoying light through a window for a minimum of 20 years, then they could effectively veto any attempt to build in front of it, if the new building diminished the amount of light they received and caused them a nuisance. In other words, neighbours could not build anything that would block the light, without permission.

This issue still has relevance today, for example, in cases where developers are hoping to throw up blocks of flats in areas of ordinary low-rise housing — although it can just as easily crop up when one homeowner wants to build an extension that blocks light from his or her neighbour's property.

Needless to say, defining exactly how much light can be obscured before your Ancient Light has been shaded to the point of being a nuisance is the subject of considerable debate. This of course is key, since in disputes of this nature the courts are less concerned with how much light has actually been (or is likely to be) lost, than whether the remaining light is deemed sufficient. In other words, the courts may well decide there is no case to answer, if they consider that there is still enough light to live by - no matter how much darker it might be!

Recent court cases have highlighted the importance of dealing with this issue as early as possible, since an injunction can be imposed on the transgressing party, even after a building has been completed. That's because the standards used to prove an infringement of a person's legal right to light are different to those used for planning purposes. So, the mere fact that a new building or a home extension has planning permission does not automatically protect the developer or homeowner from a subsequent legal claim. At least in theory, this could mean that the new building would have to be reduced in height - although in practice monetary compensation is generally more common.



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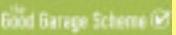
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ON-LOAN Jamar Loza stole the show as the Shrimpers romped home to their first win in an incredible fourteen games before the live TV cameras on Monday night.

Before Loza's 'worldy' late clincher, Southend had got their noses ahead courtesy of a Will Atkinson strike and Lee Barnard's spot-kick.

The Blues had almost made the perfect start from the kick-off when Loza - making his first start in a Blues shirt after a late cameo appearance last Friday at Bristol Rovers - latched onto Sam Long's under hit back pass, but his first touch was too heavy.

But, Southend were soon celebrating when Loza - on a 28-day loan from Norwich City - skilfully beat Alfie Potter and from the bye-line unselfishly squared for Atkinson to side-foot home from six yards.

One became two on 17 minutes when U's Jake Wright's back header left keeper, Ryan Clarke in no man's land and his desperate dive upended the lively Loza. Barnard then stepped up and side-footed coolly home from the spot - his first goal for nearly a year.

Oxford - whose automatic promotion hopes are fading - finally got their game together and the unmarked James Constable should have halved the deficit - but blazed David Hunt's flag-kick horribly wide from barely six yards on 26 minutes.

The U's couldn't live with Loza's pace and the 19-year old nearly conjured a goal out of nothing on 33 minutes, riding a couple of half-hearted challenges, before Oxford managed to clear their lines.

Kevan Hurst - in an unfamiliar defensive role - preserved the Blues' lead with a fine goal line clearance



YELLOW PERIL: Oxford under attack

on the stroke of half-time to deny Sean Rigg from point-blank range.

Constable missed another gilt-edged chance straight after the break by failing to convert Hunt's near post long throw, before Hurst - in more familiar territory - was unlucky to see his piledriver fly just over a diving Clarke's bar.

Not content with their two-goal cushion, Southend continued to ask all the questions of a side that Gary Waddock had taken charge of late last week.

But, the Blues were to be frustrated by a series of stunning Clarke saves - more than making amends for conceding that first-half penalty - denying Loza, Hurst and Leonard twice.

However, Clarke - nor the Oxford

defence - had no answer to Loza's stunning late goal. The striker won possession in the centre-circle and beat off a couple of tackles, before drawing the visiting keeper off his line and finished with an exquisite chip from the edge of the box.

That goal sealed their first win since mid-January, and a relieved Southend boss, Phil Brown, admitted: "The win was down to absolute quality in the final third tonight. It could have been more than three - and we could have conceded - but we focussed on both sides of the game and made sure we got it right."

Brown paid tribute to matchwinner, Loza: "Whilst I've got great strikers at the club in the shape of Barry Corr, Freddy Eastwood and Lee Barnard, Jamar offers us some-

thing different. Jamar showed tonight that he has got that pace. Tonight was his night. He made the first goal, won the penalty and scored a great goal himself. He showed quality and hopefully Chris Hughton won't be driving him back to Norwich! He might want a quality striker - and he has certainly loaned one to us."

Brown concluded: "For the last seven games, we need the goalscorers to be scoring goals. Hopefully, tonight will show we are back. The hard work of the first two-thirds has enabled us to go through this slump, in these last ten or twelve games, and to still be around the play-offs. But, tonight's win was 'massive'."

Waddock, added: "Obviously, for the fans who travelled down tonight, I am disappointed for them. And, obviously, we could do better in terms of getting a result. Overall, it wasn't the best evening."

Atkinson admitted: "The win has been a long time coming and it's really good to do it in front of the cameras. Our form [without a win] was a concern. We've worked hard on the training ground, but we've turned up today and put in a good performance. I've been lacking a few goals this season and I am now looking to push on and score a few more."

■ Southend entertain rock bottom Torquay United on Saturday (kick-off 3pm).

SOUTHEND UNITED: Daniel Bentley - John White (captain), Jakub Sokolik, John Egan, Ben Coker - Kevan Hurst, Michael Timlin (Marc Laird 68), Ryan Leonard, Will Atkinson - Jamar Loza, Lee Barnard (Anthony Straker 86). Subs (not used): Paul Smith (gk), Luke Prosser, Conor Clifford, Freddy Eastwood, Jack Payne.

OXFORD UNITED: Ryan Clarke - Matt Bevans, Sam Long, Jake Wright (captain), David Hunt - Sean Rigg, Alfie Potter, Danny Rose (Scott Davies 65), Josh Ruffels, Sean Rigg (Ryan Williams 55), James Constable (David Connolly 80), Deane Smalley. Subs (not used): Max Crocombe (gk), Michael Raynes, Matt Bevans, Nicky Wroe.

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Football

Beach boys march on

Non-league round up by Brian Jeeves
CONCORD Rangers continued to catch the eye in the Skrill Conference South, this time Weston-Super-Mare were their victims. Sam Collins and Danny Cawley grabbing the goals in a 2-0 win at the Aspect Arena.

However, it was a bad day for Chelmsford City who crashed 4-1 at Bath City, Luke Callander netting for the Clares mid-way through the second half.

In the Ryman Premier League, a first half goal from Stefan Payne was enough to earn AFC Hornchurch an impressive 1-0 win over highflying Maidstone United, and there was a 6-1 triumph for East Thurrock United who overcame hapless Hendon.

Leon Smith's hit the only goal as Billericay Town took the points at Hampton & Richmond Borough while a brace from Christopher Benjamin earned Grays Athletic a 2-1 win at Metropolitan Police. But Canvey Island's recent run came a cropper, two unanswered goals from Marc Charles-Smith gave Harrow Borough the points from this one.

Plenty of goals in the Ryman North. Nicholas Reynolds, Paul Clayton and Thomas Richardson earned Romford a 3-1 win at AFC Sudbury while Dumebi Gb-Dumaka and David Wareham scored late goals as Heybridge Swifts edged out Aveley 2-1.

Jay Kynaston scored for Burnham Ramblers, but visitors Witham Town hit back to win 2-1 thanks to strikes from former Kristopher Newby and Tom Wraight. Thurrock beat Cheshunt 1-0 and Harlow Town won 2-0 at Erith & Belvedere thanks to goals from Junior Dadson and former West Ham United man Darren Blewitt.

Elsewhere Abs Thompson scored for Redbridge but a Jacob Cleaver goal earned Brentwood Town a point.

In the Essex Senior League, leaders Great Wakering Rovers consolidated their position with an impressive 6-2 win at Sporting Bengal United while title rivals Enfield 1893 kept up the pressure with a 2-0 success over Eton Manor. Sawbridgeworth Town extended their winning run to 12 in a row with a hard fought 2-1 win at Basildon United while Clapton won the Newham derby by the same score at London APSA.

FC Romania thrashed Southend Manor 4-1 at Southchurch Park while Ilford grabbed a single goal win over improving London Bari at the Old Spotted Dog. Bowers & Pitsea played out an entertaining 2-2 draw with Greenhouse London and there was a 1-1 draw at Hullbridge against Takeley.

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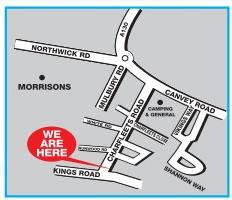
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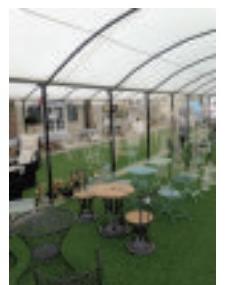
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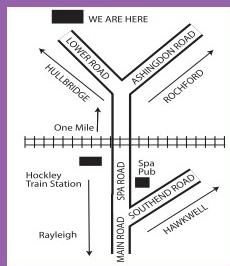
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